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Governor Musgrove Urges President to Restore Transportation Dollars

Washington, DC – Governor Ronnie Musgrove strongly urged President Bush to restore cuts in federal transportation dollars for highways. Governor Musgrove is meeting in Washington, D.C. for the National Governors Association Winter Meeting.

“I have discussed this issue with the President. Transportation is vital to the economy of Mississippi. Now is not the time to reduce highway programs. This will cripple existing and planned road projects,” said Governor Musgrove.

The Administration’s proposed budget would reduce funding for the Highway Trust Fund (HTF) by \$8.6 billion. Mississippi stands to lose more than \$86 million dollars and potentially 3,500 jobs due to President Bush’s proposed cuts.

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